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In re Patent Application of:
Masahiko Matsukawa et al.

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Examiner: L. L. Zheng

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the filing of a RCE. (37 CFR 1.97(a)(4)).

The relevance of Citations BA-BC and BE can be found in their attached English language abstracts. The relevance of Citation BD can be found in counterpart International Publication No. WO99/14399-A1 (copy enclosed) which was submitted previously as IDS in this case on May 3, 2004, and was considered by the Examiner on October 1, 2005. The relevance of Citation BF can be found in Citation BG which is a counterpart International publication. Citations BA-BF were cited references in an Office Action (copy enclosed) for counterpart

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Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-403688 dated December 4, 2007. The other cited references were previously submitted as IDS in this case.

Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 27617-00003-US.

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